

Gregory McKay
Director

| Summary Report | Fatality | 9/17/15 |
|----------------|----------|---------|
|----------------|----------|---------|

**1. Victim:** Jeremiah Lopez – 2-year-old male

## 2. Was the child residing in the child's home or in an out-of-home placement at the time of the fatality?

The child was residing in his home when the following incident occurred:

On August 30, 2015, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the death of 2-year-old twins, Isaiah and Jeremiah Lopez. The children's mother, Mireya Lopez, reportedly told police officers that she drowned them. The mother was arrested on suspicion of two counts of homicide.

- 3. If the victim in the Preliminary Report involved a child residing in the child's home, the following information will be provided:
  - a. Services being provided to the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect at the time of the incident and the date of the last contact before the incident between the entity providing services and the person receiving services:

No services were being provided to the family by the Department of Child Safety at the time of the incident.

b. Was the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect the subject of a report for investigation at the time of the incident?

No.

c. All involvement of the child's parents and of the person suspected of the abuse or neglect in a situation for which a report for investigation was made or in services provided pursuant to this chapter in the five years preceding the incident:

The children and their parents have no prior involvement with the Department of Child Safety.

d. Any investigation pursuant to a report for investigation concerning the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect or services provided to the child or the child's family since the date of the incident involving the fatality:

The investigation of the fatality report resulted in Mireya Lopez being arrested for the deaths of her children, Isaiah and Jeremiah Lopez.

The investigation also resulted in a separate report regarding the other children residing in the home. Those children have been assessed as safe in the care of their parent. No subsequent reports of abuse or neglect have been received.

- 4. If the victim in the Preliminary Report involved a child residing in an out-of-home placement, the following information will be provided:
  - a. Licensing Agency:



Gregory McKay
Director

N/A

b. Licensing history of the out-of-home placement, including the type of license held by the operator of the placement and the period for which the placement has been licensed:

N/A

c. Summary of all violations by the licensee:

N/A

d. Any other actions by the licensee or an employee of the licensee that constitute a substantial failure to protect and promote the health, safety and welfare of a child.

N/A

5. Actions taken by the department in response to the case including any changes to policy or practice and/or recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes:

A Fatality/Near Fatality Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) reviewed the case and determined that the investigation was conducted by the Department of Child Safety in accordance with policy and procedure. No changes to policy or practice were recommended as a result of the review.